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## PREFATORY NOTE.

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THIS volume contains a selection from the Proceedings of the MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY, beginning with the stated monthly meeting in January, 1866, and ending with the stated monthly meeting in March, 1867.

The original manuscripts used in the preparation of the Memoir of Mr. QUINCY, and the engraved portrait, included in this volume, were generously furnished by his daughter, Eliza Susan Quincy. The engraving may be regarded as a good representation of the portrait of Mr. Quincy, painted by Wight, and presented to this Society by the "Class of 1829" of Harvard College; though the engraver was chiefly guided by excellent daguerrotypes from life,—the same from which the painter also had derived assistance.

A portrait of the distinguished Honorary Member of the Society, GEORGE PEABODY, LL.D., is placed at the beginning of this volume,—the first volume published at the charge of the "Peabody Fund." The proceedings of the meeting at which the letter of Mr.

Peabody was announced, presenting to the Society the sum of TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, (as a fund for printing the "Proceedings," and for preserving the Historical Portraits belonging to the Society,) and the resolutions and remarks thereupon, may be seen on page 438, under the date of January, 1867.

C. D.,

*For the Committee of Publication.*

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